

My concern with privatization of the Medicaid program is that it has been rushed through and we have yet to see any concrete numbers supporting the financial savings to the state. I am also concerned with the bidding process that was utilized in contracting with the insurance agencies. As a healthcare provider I have been very pleased with the coverage that we have had up until this point and am perplexed as to why they were not allowed to be considered as a viable candidate for an insurance carrier. There are too many lives at stake, not to mention the concern for The reimbursement rate for the healthcare providers and institutions in the state that provides exceptionally good health care in a cost-effective manner. Historically Iowa has performed above national standards in excellent affordable healthcare delivery. Please do not jeopardize our patients by going forward with this plan without further thought and input from people that are experienced in this matter.

Respectfully submitted, Joanne Starr